

PATENT APPLN. NO. 10/506,566
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for lacking antecedent basis for certain elements recited in the claims. These claims have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the elements recited in the claims.

Claim 2 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for using exemplary language, specifically, the recitation of "e.g. welding". Claim 2 has been amended to delete "e.g. welding" and new claim 8 has been added to the application to recite that the one or more vertical anchor bars (8) is/are secured by welding.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections of the claims is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Deskey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,369,331; hereinafter "Deskey").

Applicant respectfully submits that Deskey fails to anticipate the spot footing of the present application. Deskey discloses a municipal lighting and utility pole with a well (26) centrally disposed in a base, and with bolts (32) securing the upper and lower part outside the pole. However, the present invention is a

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spot footing for securing a precast concrete or timber column to a foundation or for extension, wherein the footing has anchor bars (1) arranged inside the column, whereby the forces are transmitted via anchor bars (1), the top plate (2), the wall part (4,6) and the base plate (3) to the foundation.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of the claims is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deskey. The propriety of this rejection depends on the rejection of claim 1. Since the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome, claim 4 is patentable.

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2007, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of

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time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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